

Notice of Availability and Intent to Adopt an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration

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Project Title: Dockweiler State Beach General Plan Amendment (Aquatic Youth Center)

Project Location-Specific: Dockweiler State Beach, 12500 Vista Del Mar, Los Angeles, CA

Project Location – Cities: Marina Del Rey

Project Location-County: Los Angeles

Description of Project: The General Plan Amendment will allow the development of the proposed aquatic youth center at Dockweiler State Beach. The project proposes to develop an aquatic youth center at Dockweiler State Beach to serve the County of Los Angeles' W.A.T.E.R. (Water Awareness, Training, Education and Recreation) program. The facility will include a large multi-purpose room/classroom with a serving kitchen, conference space, administrative space, aquatic storage area and W.A.T.E.R. vehicle storage area.

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Anyone interested in this matter is invited to comment on the document by written response.

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1. INTRODUCTION AND REGULATORY GUIDANCE

The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) General Plan Amendment has been prepared by the California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) to evaluate the potential environmental effects of the proposed “Dockweiler State Beach General Plan Amendment”, in Los Angeles County, California. This document has been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code §21000 *et seq.*, and the State CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations (CCR) §15000 *et seq.*

An Initial Study is conducted by a lead agency to determine if a project may have a significant effect on the environment [CEQA Guidelines §15063(a)]. If there is substantial evidence that a project may have a significant effect on the environment, an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) must be prepared, in accordance with CEQA Guidelines §15064(a). However, if the lead agency determines that revisions in the project plans or proposals (made by or agreed to) mitigate the potentially significant effects to a less-than-significant level, a Mitigated Negative Declaration may be prepared instead of an EIR [CEQA Guidelines §15070(b)]. The lead agency prepares a written statement describing the reasons a proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment and, therefore, why an EIR need not be prepared. This IS/MND General Plan Amendment conforms to the content requirements under CEQA Guidelines §15071.

1.2 LEAD AGENCY

The lead agency is the public agency with primary approval authority over the proposed project. In accordance with CEQA Guidelines §15051(b)(1), "the lead agency will normally be an agency with general governmental powers, such as a city or county, rather than an agency with a single or limited purpose." The lead agency for the proposed project is Department of Parks and Recreation. The contact person for the lead agency is:

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1.3 PURPOSE AND DOCUMENT ORGANIZATION

The purpose of this document is to evaluate the potential environmental effects of the Dockweiler State Beach General Plan Amendment. Together the Initial Study and General Plan Amendment make up the necessary components of a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND). In accordance with CEQA Guidelines §15071, all of the required elements of an MND have been included. The following are the required elements:

- A brief description of the project: Please see pages 1-8 of the Dockweiler State Beach General Plan Amendment
- The locations of the project: Please see pages 3 and Figure 1 of the Dockweiler State Beach General Plan Amendment
- Name of the project proponent: Please see page 3 of the Dockweiler State Beach General Plan Amendment
- A proposed finding that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment: Please see 1.4 below
- An attached copy of the initial study: Please see attached
- Mitigation Measures: Please see references below

Mitigation measures have also been incorporated into the project to eliminate any potentially significant impacts or reduce them to a less-than-significant level.

The mitigation measures incorporated into the project as a result of the Initial Study are as follows:

- Aesthetics: Please see page 2 of the Initial Study Checklist
- Biological Resources: Please see page 5 of the Initial Study Checklist
- Cultural Resources: Please see page 5 of the Initial Study Checklist
- Geology and Soils: Please see page 6 of the Initial Study Checklist
- Hydrology and Water Quality: Please see page 9 of the Initial Study Checklist
- Transportation and Traffic: Please see page 13 of the Initial Study Checklist

1.4 SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

The attached Environmental (Initial Study) Checklist identifies the potential environmental impacts (by environmental issue) and a brief discussion of each impact resulting from implementation of the proposed project.

Based on the IS and supporting environmental analysis provided in the Dockweiler State Beach General Plan Amendment, less-than-significant impacts will result for the following issues: aesthetics, agricultural resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, and utilities and service systems.

In accordance with §15064(f) of the CEQA Guidelines, a MND shall be prepared if the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment after the inclusion of mitigation

measures in the project. Based on the available project information and the environmental analysis presented in this document, there is no substantial evidence that, after the incorporation of mitigation measures, the proposed project will have a significant effect on the environment. It is proposed that a Mitigated Negative Declaration be adopted in accordance with the CEQA Guidelines.